

LXVII.—*The Squirrels described as Sciurus steerii from Balabac and Palawan.* By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

IN 1876* Dr. Günther described and figured two squirrels collected by Dr. Steere on the islands of Balabac and Palawan as *Sciurus steerii*, he being under the impression that they represented but a single species inhabiting the two islands. Since then, however, a number of these squirrels have come to Europe, and all those from Balabac prove to be precisely identical with Dr. Günther's No. 1, from that island, while all those from Palawan, although considerably more variable, *inter se*, than the Balabac ones, agree in differing from the latter by their browner, less rufous colour, their greyish sides, and black-tipped tail, as described by Dr. Günther under 2. In belly-colour, however, they may be white or either partially or wholly rufous.

This being the case, it is evident that the squirrels from the two islands should be considered as distinct species, and I would propose to restrict the name *S. steerii* to Dr. Günther's No. 1, the foremost figure on his plate, with its type B.M. no. 76. 10. 4. 4, and to assign the name *S. juvencus* to the Palawan species, described by Dr. Günther under No. 2 and drawn in the background of his plate, its type being B.M. no. 76. 10. 4. 3.

With regard to the variation in the belly-colour of *S. juvencus* it is to be noticed that the greatest extremes, all white and all red, are shown by specimens from the same place, Puerto Princesa.

LXVIII.—*Note on the Copepod Genus Oithona.* By G. P. FARRAN, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Fisheries Branch, Dublin.

IN going through some collections of Copepoda taken by the Department of Agriculture's cruiser 'Helga' off the W. and S.W. coasts of Ireland I have noticed the presence of two species of the genus *Oithona* which at first sight appear to be *O. plumifera* and *O. setigera*, but on a closer examination are seen to possess some minute points of difference from those species. As the local distribution of the members of this

* P. Z. S. 1876, p. 735, pl. lxix.